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GIBBONEY GAVE LIFE POLICIES AS DEBT PLEDGE

Insurance Men Say \$100,000 Was Given as Collateral to Cover Notes

SON, HERE, INSISTS FATHER WAS DROWNED

Congressman Kahn Declares He Is Not Satisfied Lawyer for Bergdoll is Dead

Anonymous Note to Kahn on Gibboney Disappearance

House of Representatives, Washington, D. C.

Insurance policies carried by D. Clarence Gibboney, totaling more than \$100,000, were largely assigned to others as collateral for the payment of debts, it was learned today from insurance men here.

The question of whether Gibboney, counsel for Grover Bergdoll, was drowned in Mexico December 28 last or is still hiding, and the report of his death, has been raised by Julius Kahn, chairman of the House military affairs committee, at Washington.

Insurance companies, with one exception, have taken the stand that Gibboney's death has not been proved legally, and have withheld payment of the fortunes in policies on his life.

Body to be Exhumed
The body buried as Gibboney's in the little cemetery at Champan, Mexico, will be exhumed in an effort to establish the identity of the man.

Investigation today disclosed the fact that at one time Gibboney had carried \$250,000 life insurance. He had surrendered all but \$102,000 of this amount, receiving compensation for the amounts surrendered.

Insurance men say that most of the sum remaining had been put up for debt or to cover notes. It is said that less than a year ago Gibboney took out a policy for \$25,000 with the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., shortly afterwards assigned the policy as collateral to cover a judgment note. It is said by insurance men that the same company refused to issue him a second policy for \$25,000.

Proof is Awaited
Representatives of the insurance companies said they are ready to pay the policies at any time, and are, in fact, anxious to get the business finished, but must wait until proofs are submitted which will show that the policyholder really is dead.

Among the companies in which the lawyer had held policies at one time or another are the Penn Mutual, the Prudential Life, the Equitable, the New York Life, the Travelers, the Aetna, the Northwestern Mutual Life, the Glendale, the Mutual, the Beneficial, the Berkshire, the Security Mutual and the Massachusetts Life.

The insurance companies have photostatic copies of a letter which Mr. Gibboney wrote Christmas Day to his family from shipboard on a Ward Line steamship. In the letter he said that his party hoped to push on to the lummery camps without delay, and be on their way back to Philadelphia by January 3.

Father Dead, Son Insists
D. Clarence Gibboney, Jr., son of the attorney, was in his father's office today and repudiated the idea that the late Gibboney was still alive and in hiding. He announced the plan to bring the body home.

I have been in touch with our State Department, and the majority of officials, have obtained consent of the Mexican Government to the exhumation of my father's body. The Mexican authorities have consented to waive the health regulation which forbids the disinterment of a body until five years after death.

If my efforts to get this permission had not been successful through the State Department, I should have gone to Mexico City myself, and begged the president of Mexico to let me remove my father's body, so that I might identify it.

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FIRE SCARE AT NORMANDIE

400 Guests Aroused When Crossed Wires Sound Alarm

The 400 guests of the Normandie, thirty-sixth and Chestnut streets, were aroused at 2:20 this morning by the ringing of the fire alarm, when wires became crossed. There was no fire.

Although there was no great excitement among the guests, the majority of whom took time to learn from the switchboard operator that there was no fire, the alarm did reach the lobby on the first floor in panic, and a band in the seventh floor, proceeding toward the fire tower, asked anxiously about his wife, who was following so close behind him he could not see her. Another carried an empty traveling bag, snatched up in his haste in mistake for the one that contained valuables.

The night for the total learned that the alarm had been sounded by a short circuit.

Kennett Square Deacons Lock Out Scolding Pastor

Former Fighting Chaplain Named Names, Calling Two Pillars Sneaks and Another Cigarette Fiend—"Got Goat," He Says

The Baptists of the First Church, Kennett Square, Pa., have locked out their pastor, the Rev. Elias Auger, an overseas veteran.

He is said to have halted in the middle of a service to call two of his congregation sneaks and one of them a cigarette fiend, and also to declare to have ruffled the feelings of the women by remarking that "women have religions, and so have dogs."

In his own behalf, Mr. Auger says he has been called "un-Christian," "a bluffer," and "a liar," and declares one member of the congregation is a "haiser" who wants everything run his way.

Refuses to Resign
Mr. Auger refused to resign, the board of trustees says he must, and Kennett Square has not been so upset over anything since George Washington was licked at the battle of Brandywine.

The whole town is talking about what happened at a memorable service, Sunday before last.

"Just imagine," said Jesse D. Phillips, clerk of the board of trustees, "right in the middle of the service Mr. Auger pointed his finger at a prominent citizen and said, 'there is that sneak, who has not been here for nine months.'"

"Then he pointed to my father, C. Duer Phillips, who sat just in front of me. 'There is another sneak,' he said. 'That was too much for me. He had us all at a disadvantage, making statements like that from the pulpit, so I thought the time had arrived to go back at him. I arose, said he had us all at a disadvantage, and had no right to talk that way from the pulpit.'"

"Yes, there was quite a commotion. As I stood there Mr. Auger lost his temper and said, 'All right, you cigarette fiend.' It is true, he smoked cigarettes. Then Mr. Auger launched into a denunciation of cigarette smoking.

Against Dancing, Too
"He is bitterly opposed to dancing, too. Oh, this trouble has been brewing for a year and a half. Why, about a year ago a young married man was dancing with his wife, and Mr. Auger heard of it, and the next Sunday all around that man for dancing with his wife. Then he denounced dancing generally.

"His trouble is he is temperamentally unfit for the ministry. He makes the plans and carries them out and alienates people from the church."

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FIND LONG-LOST FATHER
Phila. Women Greet Parent After Separation of Thirty Years

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In the minds of the two women, who were about four years old when last they had seen their father, and now are matrons and residents of Philadelphia, Thomas Anderson was a never-don't-well. They knew he had committed a crime that had sent him to federal prison for ten years.

To their great joy the parent and his daughters embraced last night in the Emergency Home of the Salvation Army, at 127 West Thirteenth street.

6-YEAR TERM URGED TO TIGHTEN GRIP OF COMBINE IN COUNCIL

Campbell Would Forestall "Clean-Out" by Having Ten Serve Longer Period

MOVE WOULD REQUIRE AMENDMENT OF CHARTER

By a Staff Correspondent Harrisburg, Feb. 9.—Philadelphia combine leaders are entertaining the novel suggestion that the present domination of City Council by their friends be "perpetuated" by a lengthening of the terms of half the members. This would require an amendment to the new city charter.

Lengthening of the terms to six years would continue ten members in their \$5000 jobs and forestall any wholesale "clean-out" of the countmand body by the latest in the municipal election of 1923.

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WOMAN PROSECUTES SON

Mother Reluctantly Charges Youth With Stealing Her \$19

A mother appeared in City Hall today to prosecute her son for theft.

She was Mrs. M. Powell, mother of Frank J. Powell, of 1425 North Fernwood street. She testified before Magistrate Carson that her son had taken a purse containing \$19 from her bureau; she chased him from the house and he was captured by two citizens at Thirty-first street and Columbia avenue.

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Wife Uses Husband's Name—He Wins \$100

Mr. Whitney wins the \$100 prize today because when his wife sent in several lines for this lim'rick he signed his name to them thinking that she would play a joke on "friend husband."

Now Mrs. Whitney wishes she had signed her own name. The winning lim'rick was:

Limerick No. 45
When Belle first went out on the ice
Her skates didn't seem a bit nice;
One circled creation.
One tried aviation—
Belle's "pins" were not "safety's" device.

There's Another Limpin' Lim'rick Today—See Page 2

HOWARD V. WHITNEY
510 Essex Avenue, Narberth, Pa.

VICTIM OF MURDER ROBBED OF \$8000

Man Found Slain Near Ardmore Identified as Pantalone Decola, of League Street

CARRIED LARGE CASH SUM

The possession of \$8000 in gold is thought by the Haverford township police to have been the motive for the murder of an Italian, found dead in a field near Ardmore last Sunday, his throat slit from ear to ear, one hand clasped a sandwich and the other raised as if to ward off a blow.

The man was identified today as Pantalone di Nicola, about fifty-five years old, of 917 League street. This information was telephoned Chief Hallisey, of the Haverford township police force, today by a neighbor of the murdered man, Joseph Spennosa.

The body was found at about noon on Sunday by Joseph Phero while walking through a field near Ardmore avenue and the Philadelphia and Western Railway.

There were three slits in the man's throat, the largest thought to have been made by a stiletto inserted at the base of the skull and carried around to beneath the chin. His head was lying in a pool of fresh blood, while both the meat and the bread of the sandwich was still fresh. These facts led Chief Hallisey to say today he thinks the murder was committed early Sunday morning.

Di Nicola's pockets were turned inside out and buttons were torn off his clothing where some one had evidently attempted to find out if he carried a money-belt about his waist.

Phero reported his discovery to Chief Hallisey and the body, unidentified until today, was sent to an undertaker's at Lansdowne.

The murdered man was fairly well dressed and according to the family on League street, worked as a laborer.

This family said he had left home before daybreak Sunday.

An inquest will be held tomorrow at Lansdowne before Coroner Edward L. Donnelly.

Child May Have Fired Home

A fire on the third floor of the three-story brick dwelling of Joe Antiole, at 1110 South Eighth street, caused several hundred dollars damage this morning.

Antiole has a son three years old who during the morning was playing on the top floor and who, he says, may have struck a match and set fire to the house.

YEGGEMEN LOOT AMERICAN STORES SAFE

Thieves forced the rear door of the American Stores branch, at Twelfth and Union streets, and cracked the safe with a cold chisel, crowbar and sledge hammer. Receipts of \$171, left in the safe last night, were taken.

McGANNON JURY COMPLETE

Three Women and Nine Men to Try Cleveland, Feb. 9.—(By A. P.)—The jury that is to decide the fate of Judge William H. McGannon, on trial for a second time charged with second-degree murder in connection with the shooting of Harold C. Kay, was completed this morning.

The jury is composed of three women and nine men. Sixteen jurors were examined before the twelve jurors were finally selected.

FIVE MEN SEIZED FOR PRINTING FAKE REVENUE STAMPS

U. S. Agents Arrest Gang Here After Trailing Alleged Leader From Chicago

SAY COUNTERFEITS AIDED ILLICIT LIQUOR DEALERS

Secret Service agents last night and this morning arrested a band of five alleged counterfeiters, said to have been flooding the country with bogus internal revenue stamps, such as are used on bottled whisky, and seized 100,000 of the stamps and the plates from which they were printed.

According to the agents, the five men have been operating for several months, and are ready to be by bootleggers in virtually every large city of the country.

One man, who is said to have acted as a "mulesman" and distributor for the alleged counterfeiters, was traced from Chicago to New York and thence to a printing shop in Philadelphia, where he was arrested at 10 o'clock last night. The arrest of the four others followed this morning.

Prisoner Seventy-five Years Old
The men are Henry Giannella, seventy-five years old, of Pittman, N. J., who conducts a printshop on Third street near Race, and his two partners, Isaac Pierce, of Mt. Vernon street, Camden, and Morris Rubin, of Otter street near Forty-third, the city of Karl W. Davis, who conducts a printing shop at Sixth street near Spruce, said to be the distributor for the band, and Harry Milman, a dealer in barbers' supplies, on Fifth street near Moore.

Following the sudden appearance in several cities of large quantities of the counterfeit revenue stamps, Secret Service men were placed on the case.

Welse, the distributor, was all but overtaken by the government agents in Chicago a few days ago. He evaded them and was traced to New York.

Secret service men followed him there and discovered his headquarters. He was operating in a fast automobile, and the agents borrowed a more speedy machine from a well-known manufacturer.

Watched Him at Work
They followed Welse's automobile over New York, it is said, witnessing the distribution of the revenue stamps. Yesterday afternoon, after leaving this city, with the agents at a discreet distance behind him. He went to the printing establishment of Giannella, on North Third street.

At 10 o'clock last night the waiting agents saw him leave the shop bearing two suitcases. They arrested him and seized the suitcases in which, they say, they found 3000 fake stamps.

At midnight, with search warrants, they raided the homes of Giannella, Weiss and Milman. At Milman's home they seized 3500 stamps and arrested him.

Three More Taken
This morning agents were waiting at Giannella's office on North Third street when he, Pierce and Rubin arrived. They were arrested immediately and taken to the Federal Building.

According to the agents, raids on the men's homes and establishments netted at least 100,000 of the counterfeit stamps.

All five of the men will be arraigned today before United States Commissioner Murray, charged with conspiracy to counterfeit and with counterfeiting government stamps.

Chief Moran, of the Secret Service Department at Washington, announced this afternoon that recent raids have disclosed liquor bearing internal revenue stamps and brand labels so cleverly counterfeited that the bottles could not be told from those regularly withdrawn from bond, except upon closest examination.

Analysis of the liquor contained in a score of the bottles, Mr. Moran said, showed that the contents were adulterated with agencies in sufficient quantities to kill.

BILL TO BLOCK VICE WAR OF MAYOR PASSES HOUSE

Leaders Speed Measure Giving Prisoners Hearings by "Home" Magistrates

Harrisburg, Feb. 9.—Representative Sowers' bill limiting the jurisdiction of Philadelphia magistrates—and aimed at the vice and gambling war of the Moore administration—is running on high today.

The leaders have apparently decided to rush the bill through so that its provisions may be available as soon as possible. It passed on first reading in the House today.

The measure appeared only two days ago, and at the rate it is going now, will pass the House next week and go to the Senate unless some real objection is entered. Few bills are meeting with such expeditious action.

Under provisions of the bill, the police would be obliged to take prisoners to the magistrate in the district where arrests are made. Philadelphia police find that this practice often hampers their work—that prisoners are quickly freed. When such a course is feared, the police take the prisoners to City Hall.

RUSSIAN WOMEN EXECUTED
Eleven Members of "Green Army" Accused of Plundering in Crimea

By A. P.—Madam Ilex, chief of a band in the Crimea known as the "Green Army," has been executed, together with ten other members of the band, it is announced here.

The women were accused by the Bolsheviks of organizing so-called societies as a pretext for plundering operations and of indulging in drunken orgies.

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